

## **District II Advisory Board Minutes**

**July 15, 2002**

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library at 5939 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street North.

### **Members Present**

Martha Bruce Fair  
Michele Chauncey  
Charlotte Foster  
John Fuller  
Larry Frutiger  
Tim Goodpasture  
Shirley Jefferson  
Joe Johnson  
Mike Jones  
Kathy Wegner  
Council Member Joe Pisciotte

### **Members Absent**

All members were present

### **Staff Present**

Joe Couey, Fire Department  
Carl Gipson, Public Works  
Donte Martin, City Manager's Office

### **Guests**

Marla Flentje  
Ray Hinderliter  
Bonnie Huy  
Avis Nelson  
Tim Richards  
Jim Stolz  
Max Weddle

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

### **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

The minutes for June 3, 2002 was approved 10-0 as submitted (Bruce Fair/Chauncey).

The agenda for the July 15, 2002 DAB II meeting was approved as amended to change the order of items 3 & 4, the EMS presentation will precede the planning agenda (Chauncey/Goodpasture).

## **Public Agenda**

### **1. Scheduled items**

**Tim Richards**, Kansas Gas Service, addressed the DAB concerning an underground gas distribution system project within the College Hill Neighborhood Association. The system is being replaced due to age and deterioration of the current system. The work schedule has not been determined but the project will begin this fall. This project will involve digging in the yards of residents as the main line lies in the right of way and the service line runs from the main line to the home. Homes with gas meters located in the basement will also have these meters relocated outside. Some streets and drives will be blocked at various times. Homeowners will be notified in advance by mail of work in their area and will be provided contact numbers for projects contractors. Not all homes will be impacted. Mr. Richards has been in contact with the neighborhood association and made them aware of the upcoming project.

### **2. Off-agenda items**

No items submitted

## **STAFF PRESENTATION**

### **3. Emergency Medical Service**

**Joe Couey, Battalion Chief**, distributed handouts to the Board and provided background information concerning the EMS System Recommendations study prepared by Health Analytics, LLC. He explained that previously the City of Wichita contracted with Sedgwick County to unite the City Fire Department and the Emergency Management Services (Sedgwick County) in a partnership-response to 911 calls for emergency service in Wichita. The emergency operations involves three (3) components of service: call takers who answer 911 calls & direct information to the appropriate agency; response agencies of Fire Department and Emergency Management; and the hospital Emergency Rooms. Approximately 40,000 alarms are received each year.

Couey detailed and contrasted the types of services provided by Fire Department and EMS responder units. The procedures capable of being performed by each unit is determined according to their emergency medical training, either advanced life support or basic life support. Advanced Life Support (ALS) services require the highest level of emergency medical training and involve airway management, circulation support of IV fluids, application of drug therapy, and defibrillation for advanced management of cardiac emergencies including early recognition of heart attacks. ALS is the National Standard of Care for first responders nationwide. Currently Fire Department staff provides Basic Life Support (BLS) while EMS responders typically provide ALS.

In all cities with populations over 215,000, fire departments are typically the first responders with 77% providing ALS First Response. Only the remaining 23% provide BLS. Couey explained the bell curve graph in the handout showing the *average response rate*—the time between receiving the call and arriving at the location of the person needing care—for the City's Fire Department as approximately two (2) minutes while the *average response rate* for EMS is five-six (5-6) minutes.

Maps included in the handout contrasted the response coverage with the current services and the anticipated greater response if each fire station would have one paramedic on duty to provide ALS service. Based on the expected improvement in service for the citizens, the consultant recommended a team approach with paramedic services made available through both Fire & EMS rather than the current approach of only EMS paramedic services.

**DAB II** members asked the following questions that were answered by Chief Couey:

**CM Pisciotte** asked if the consultant recommends both Fire and EMS provide ALS? **Couey** stated yes as both supplement each other.

**Michele Chauncey** asked if current paramedics would undergo firefighting training or if current firefighters would undergo paramedic training? **Couey** responded this would be a personal decision by those interested in cross training. The ALS training last 15 month and results in an Associates Degree.

**Larry Frutiger** asked who gets the call when someone dials 911? **Couey** explained the 911-dispatch center dispatches the call; both fire and EMS receive the call. Depending on the time and location of the calling party both units may respond. On the average fire responds first.

**Chauncey** asked if fire personnel providing ALS would delay the trip to the hospital? **Couey** replied on the average patients would arrive sooner due to the quicker response time by fire personnel. By providing fire personnel ALS training there would be a resulting increase in the number of responder available to provide a higher standard of care. This higher level of care would supplement services provided at hospitals.

**Kathy Wegner** asked if both units show up who provides care? **Couey** answered arrives first currently provides care unless there is a need for a higher level of care than the first responding unit is capable of providing. If both units were ALS trained the first responding unit would maintain care. In any event special attention is paid to avoiding fragmented care.

**Marla Flentje** stated that an article in the Wichita Eagle suggested that doctor's caution against fire personnel providing ALS. What is the nature of their concern? **Couey** suggested these concerns are not based on empirical evident. Couey would like to see on open forum for discussion between involved parties including area doctors.

**CM Pisciotte** thanked Chief Couey for his presentation and added that we are in the process of engaging the community for dialog. The City Council has suspended the emergency medical service contract with Sedgwick County that has been in place since 1977. This was necessary as there is a need to reevaluate the contract in an effort to provide the best level of service to the citizens of Wichita.

**Action Taken:** Received and filed. No action required.

## **PLANNING AGENDA**

### **4. ZON 2002-00033**

**Dale Miller, MAPD**, presented a request for a Zone Change from "SF-5" Single-family Residential

to “GC” General Commercial generally located north of Chamberlain and east of Webb Road.

**Miller** explained that the applicant is seeking “GC” General Commercial zoning for three unplatted tracts comprising 1.6 acres located east of Webb Road and north of Chamberlain. These three properties are currently zoned “SF-5” Single-family Residential. The property closest to Webb Road has an existing building that may be vacant, and was at one time occupied by County EMS. The other two tracts are vacant. The application states the reason for the request is “to develop the property for commercial use.” Additional discussions with the applicant’s agent indicate that a strip mall or small office-commercial center similar to others located in nearby developments is intended. Staff is also advised that the zoning is not being requested to expand the All Star Sports complex located to the northeast. The application area contains a number of older trees. This site is located within “Area A” of the “Airport Hazard Map” which limits heights to 25 feet unless specifically reviewed and permitted by a separate procedure.

Property to the north is zoned “GC” General Commercial and is developed with two commercial buildings and an outdoor recreational use (All Star Sports). Land located to the east, south and west is zoned “SF-5” Single-family Residential. Properties to the east and south are developed with single-family homes of varying age, type and maintenance level. Property to the west is developed with Minneha Elementary School. A wooden fence exists along the south half of the common lot located east of the application area. A hedgerow of trees is located along the northern half of that same common lot line. Further to the north and south of the application area, properties are zoned “LI” Limited Industrial. Raytheon Aircraft, its runway and related aircraft businesses are the dominant land use further east and south of the application area. With the exception of the properties fronting Webb and Central, the general area’s development pattern was established during World War II, and there have been minimal changes to the properties located east of Webb and north of re-located Central. Properties fronting Webb and re-located Central have recently seen re-development.

If this request is approved, the site will have to be developed in compliance with compatibility setbacks, screening and buffering, as well as with the Landscape Ordinance. The property will need to be platted. At the time of platting, access controls, road improvements and other typical improvements would be determined (e.g. complete access control to Webb Road, and guarantees for improvements that could include left-turn lane, signalization and paving.)

Mr. Miller explained that MAPD staff recommends approval of the proposed zone change.

**Bob Kaplan**, agent for the applicant, agreed with the staff recommendation. Kaplan offered to respond to citizen and DAB member inquiries.

There were no citizens in attendance requesting to be heard concerning this case.

**Michele Chauncey**, DAB II, asked why the staff report referred to the mature trees contained on the lot.

**Miller** replied that MAPD encourages developers to save trees when feasible.

**Tim Goodpasture**, DAB II, asked if the planned development is going to be retail office space why is the requested change to “GC” instead of “LC”.

**Kaplan** replied that “GC” provides more flexibility.

**The District II Advisory Board unanimously recommended approval of the MAPD staff recommendation (Jones/Frutiger, 10-0).**

**Action Taken:** Approved the staff recommendation.

## **STAFF PRESENTATION**

### **5. Orme Street Project**

**Carl Gipson, Public Works**, presented planned improvements to Orme Street between Woodlawn and Rock Road.

The Kellogg project will result in one-way frontage roads. Businesses in the area expressed concern with the impact this will have on their businesses. Consultants recommended staying with one-way frontage roads but suggested to staff that back road access be provided. Orme Street runs parallel to Kellogg and meets the needs of area businesses except for areas of Orme that haven't been connected. Staff is recommending connecting the missing pieces of Orme in order to accommodate area businesses.

The plan was designed this year and will be constructed later 2002 early 2003. The total project cost for connecting Orme Street is approximately \$600,000. This will be paid via sales tax and does not result in special assessment financing. Gipson stated that expects little opposition from area residents.

**Chauncey** asked how long this project would take. **Gipson** responded that this is dependent on the amount of time needed to acquire right of way. The total construction time should be one month.

**Action Taken:** Received and filed. No action required.

## **BOARD AGENDA**

### **6. Updates, Issues, and Reports**

**CM Pisciotte** announced his latest appointments to the DAB. Marla Flentje will be appointed as a full voting member. Max Weddle and Ray Hinderliter will be appointed as alternate members. New appointees were asked to introduce themselves and detail their interest in serving on the DAB.

The next regularly scheduled DAB II meeting will be August 5, 2002 at the Rockwell Branch Library.

**With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**